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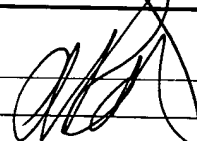
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- 1) CN 1159235A

Reference 1) includes an European corresponding patent.

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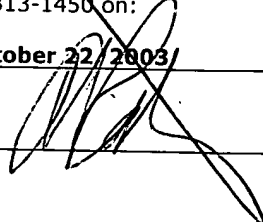
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